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Senate Resolution 162

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Weber of the 40th, Adelman of the 42nd, Butler of the 55th and others

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Honoring Bishop Miles Edward Fowler on a lifetime of outstanding accomplishments; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Bishop Fowler is the youngest child of the late Bishop Willie and Missionary
- 4 Mattie Lou Fowler; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he is a native of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and he was educated in the DeKalb
- 6 County School System, graduating with honors from Hamilton High School as Salutatorian;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, he declined a scholarship to attend Morris Brown College, opting instead to
- 9 enlist in the United States Air Force and while serving in the Air Force, he attended military
- 10 technical school in San Antonio, Texas; and
- 11 WHEREAS, later, Bishop Fowler attended and graduated from the Interdenominational
- 12 Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he owned and operated Fowler Construction Company for 18 years prior to
- becoming a full-time pastor at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church in 1977; and
- WHEREAS, during his pastorate, the church membership has grown from approximately 300
- in membership to over 1,500, and the church has relocated from three acres to 28 acres,
- 17 including an ultra-modern Worship Center, Family Life Center, and recently completed
- 18 administration building; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Bishop Fowler is the recipient of numerous civic and religious awards, and he
- 20 received the "Who's Who in Georgia" Award for his outstanding service in the community;
- 21 and

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1 WHEREAS, in addition to serving as chaplain for the DeKalb County Jail, he is a member

- 2 of the Sheriff's Steering Committee; and
- 3 WHEREAS, in 2002, God inspired Bishop Fowler to write "End Time Revelation," a book
- 4 which chronicles events that will occur on Earth and in Heaven after the Rapture; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he has ministered to the Georgia General Assembly, has been profiled in the
- 6 Atlanta Journal & Constitution and other community publications, and has appeared on
- 7 numerous radio and television programs; and
- 8 WHEREAS, as a consultant to the Beulah Heights Theological School, he is a spiritual leader
- 9 for more than 30 ministers of the Gospel, and in 2003, Bishop Fowler received his Honorary
- 10 Doctoral Degree of Divinity from Beulah Heights Bible College; and
- WHEREAS, he is married to Helen Riley Fowler, also a native of DeKalb County, and they
- are the proud parents of three daughters and one son and the proud grandparents of two
- granddaughters and four grandsons; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Bishop Fowler has dedicated his life to serving his church and his community,
- and it is appropriate to honor him for the outstanding example of leadership he has shown
- 16 for all that follow in his footsteps.
- 17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that Bishop Miles Edward
- 18 Fowler is hereby honored for his life of service to his church and community as a pastor,
- 19 spiritual leader, community advocate, author, spouse, father, and grandfather.
- 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Miles Edward Fowler.